**Should America maintain/increase the level of immigration?**

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| **In favor** | **Opposed** |
| 1. Some of the most intelligent and ambitious individuals, who are unsatisfied with their own countries, bring their skills to America. 2. Immigration increases the diversity and expands the culture of the country. 3. Immigrants often taken the low-paying jobs (like food service & hotel cleaning) that most Americans don't want to do at such low wages. 4. Decreasing or eliminating *legal* immigration will inevitably create more incentive to come to the country *illegally*, which leads to less assimilation and fewer taxpaying, law-abiding citizens. 5. It improves the overall image of America internationally, as it is seen as an open, welcoming country; and immigrants who return home or maintain contact with family back home have a true image of America, not the one propagandized in much of the international media. 6. Adding an additional group of cheap labor adds to the flexibility of business, leading to cheaper prices, better quality products, and higher profits. 7. It gives struggling people all over the world an opportunity for a better life. This country was built on immigrants who sought opportunity, political & religious freedom, etc. | 1. More immigrants means more opportunity for terrorists, drug dealers, and other criminals to enter the country. 2. Immigrants, especially the poorer ones, consume a high amount of government resources (health care, education, welfare, etc.) without paying a corresponding high rate of taxes. 3. The national identity and language is disappearing. The great "melting pot" is being replaced by divisive multiculturism. 4. The emigration to the United States hurts the home country, as much of the male population, workers, and top intellectuals often leave their country. 5. Less-skilled American citizens earn less money and have fewer job opportunities because they must compete with immigrants in the job market. |

